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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

re Application of:

Toshiyuki KANAI et al.

Application No.: 10/569,793

Filed: February 27, 2006

For: STAPLE FORMING AND DRIVING  
MACHINE (As Amended)

Confirmation No.: 6625

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Michelle Lopez

Commissioner for Patents  
Customer Window, **Mail Stop AF**  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 8, 2007, the period for response to which extends through November 8, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.